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In re application of :
Kanji HATA et al. :
Serial No. 09/010,490 : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH
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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING
EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of
the subject matter thereof, and substitute therefor the following
new claims:

-- 8. A component mounting apparatus comprising:

Substantially
a pair of component supply tables on which components are
accommodated and which are arranged on opposing sides of a board
mounting position where a board is positioned;

a first mounting head section for successively picking up
the components at one of the component supply tables and thereafter
successively mounting the picked-up components onto the board; and

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